

THE HOLIDAY RUSH IS HITTING THE 12TH ST. STORE CLERKS

The 12th Street Store, 12th and Halsted streets, is known as a workhouse among its employees. Long hours and small pay is the system.

None of the girls care to tell what they receive, but acknowledge that the pay is less and the hours longer than in the downtown stores.

The 12th Street Store has found a way to come just within provisions, and exact every minute that the law allows them from the women and girls employed.

The store opens at 9 a. m., the girls receive two hours for dinner and one hour for supper and quit at 10 p. m.

Every other day they arrive at 11 a. m., receive no dinner hour and one hour for supper and quit at 10 p. m.

No one is allowed to ring up their time before their lunch hours are up, but if one should happen to be one minute later, they are severely lectured and threatened with dismissal.

The store is ordinarily open two nights a week; Tuesdays and Saturdays. During the Christmas season every evening.

For the last few Sundays the employees have been fixing up stock and preparing for the holiday rush. For the half day's work they receive an average of 50 cents and their only day of rest spoiled.

Sunday, December 21st, the store was open for business from 9 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. The girls had to come or lose their jobs.

"We don't work long enough," said one wearily, "so we will put in a few more hours Sunday."

Most of the girls appeared worn out and in need of rest.

The 12th Street Store has a benevolent association which is supposed to pay sick benefits to any employee that may be ill.

Twenty-five cents a month is deducted from each one's pay for this purpose.

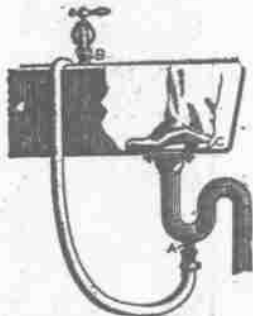
One of the girls said, "One day I

was too ill to come to work. My roommate, who works in the store, told the floor manager and superintendent that I will ill in bed and would not be in that day.

"That week happened to be assessment week. When I received my pay I found my assessment—25 cents—and one day's pay, deducted.

"That's my experience with their benevolent association."

EASY WAY TO CLEAN DRAIN PIPE



This is the season of the year when people want to keep the drain pipes open so as to prevent freezing as much as possible. One of the best ways to do this is to secure a length of hose pipe with a screw coupling on each end.

Screw one end to the outlet on the elbow of the drain underneath the sink and the other end on the hot-water spigot. Then cover the trap or outlet for the water in the sink with a piece of wood faced with rubber on the underside. Put one foot on the wood and turn on the water full.

"D-darling, d-do you l-love me?" she gasped. "Love you," said he, as he got a tighter grip; "love you? Why, precious one, madly as I hug you now, the fervor of my affection almost makes me long to be an octopus with eight arms."